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The Communist Party of Brazil is planning to launch a vigorous campaign against Governor Adhemar de Barros of Sao Paulo throughout Brazil in the near future. The Party is expected to support Prestes Maia, a former mayor of Sao Paulo who used Communist support during his tenure for the governorship in the forthcoming elections. While in office, Maia allowed the Communists to use a vacant building for headquarters where speeches were given and propaganda material prepared. Although he himself is not known to have appeared at the meetings, his Portuguese common-law wife did and was always wildly cheered. It is believed that she may have influenced Maia in his decision to assist the Communists.

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The campaign against de Barros, which has already started in some Communist newspapers, is based on the strong police action which has been taken against the Communists in Sao Paulo, the responsibility for which lies with the Governor.

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